

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Sundaram VENKATRAMAN et al.

Examiner: P. L. Morris

Application No.: 10/786,556

Group Art Unit: 1625

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For: CRYSTALLINE FORM Z OF RABEPRAZOLE SODIUM AND  
PROCESS FOR PREPARATION THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 20, 2007, for the above-identified application. A response to the Notice was due on January 20, 2008. Since the response is not being made within the one-month period set in the Notice, a petition to extend that period until April 20, 2008 is enclosed.

Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the claims. Upon entry, the claims pending for further proceedings will be those of the claim listing that begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.